

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3532

To support the goals of the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study  
Abroad Fellowship Program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2006

Mr. LUGAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Higher Education  
5       Study Abroad Act of 2006”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress makes the following findings:

8               (1) According to the report “Global Competence  
9       & National Needs: One Million Americans Studying

1       Abroad” by the Commission on the Abraham Lin-  
2       coln Study Abroad Fellowship Program—

3               (A) business leaders recognize that they  
4               need to draw on people with global skills if their  
5               corporations are to succeed in a world in which  
6               1 American job in 6 is tied to international  
7               trade;

8               (B) study abroad programs for under-  
9               graduate students provide a unique opportunity  
10              to expand the number of foreign language  
11              speakers and enhance foreign language learn-  
12              ing;

13              (C) more than 65 Federal agencies, includ-  
14              ing the Central Intelligence Agency and the  
15              Peace Corps, need to fill annually 34,000 posi-  
16              tions requiring foreign language skills, and this  
17              requirement is often unmet or filled only  
18              through outside contractors;

19              (D) higher education in the United States  
20              is increasingly providing opportunities for study  
21              abroad programs, and some of the finest col-  
22              leges and universities of the United States are  
23              making major commitments to this essential  
24              element of today’s educational experience; and

1           (E) it is in the national interest of the  
2           United States to send at least 1,000,000 post-  
3           secondary students abroad each year to study  
4           the languages and cultures of other countries.

5           (2) The Lincoln Commission report described in  
6           paragraph (1) represents the opinions of some of the  
7           most thoughtful experts on higher education in the  
8           United States.

9   **SEC. 3. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LINCOLN COMMIS-**  
10                   **SION.**

11       (a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the  
12       Senate that the Federal Government should endorse the  
13       goals outlined by the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln  
14       Study Abroad Fellowship Program, established under sec-  
15       tion 104 of the Miscellaneous Appropriations and Offsets  
16       Act, 2004 (division H of the Consolidated Appropriations  
17       Act, 2004 (Public Law 108–199, 118 Stat. 435) regarding  
18       expanding the opportunity for students at institutions of  
19       higher education in the United States to study abroad.

20       (b) REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than  
21       1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
22       retary of Education shall—

23           (1) review the recommendations of the Commis-  
24           sion on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellow-  
25           ship Program regarding expanding the opportunity

1 for students at institutions of higher education in  
2 the United States to study abroad; and

3 (2) prepare and submit a report to the Com-  
4 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
5 of the Senate and the Committee on Education and  
6 Workforce of the House of Representatives that con-  
7 sider the feasibility of—

8 (A) implementing the recommendations of  
9 the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study  
10 Abroad Fellowship Program; and

11 (B) establishing a national scholarship pro-  
12 gram, as recommended by the Commission, that  
13 provides opportunities for students at institu-  
14 tions of higher education to study abroad.

15 (c) DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-  
16 CATION.—In this section, the term “institution of higher  
17 education” has the meaning given the term in section 101  
18 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

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